

Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri couple who have enjoyed tremendous personal success through the bonds of Holy Matrimony; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooker, cherished residents of Fairdealing, Missouri, commemorated the splendid occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on November 15, 2003, with a festive family celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church in Doniphan; and

Whereas, it was on November 17, 1953, that Robert R. Hooker took the hand of his beautiful bride, Louise M. Reinig, and together they were joined in marriage during a memorable wedding ceremony in Bayreuth, Germany; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Robert and Louise Hooker have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, a proud father and caring husband, Mr. Hooker dutifully served his country in the United States Army for seven years and the United States Air Force for thirteen years, and played an integral role in the educational development of countless Missouri students as a Vocational Instructor for twelve years, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Association of Retired Persons; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Mrs. Hooker enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a stellar employee of Vitronic Manufacturing for fifteen years, and member of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Women's Auxiliary; and

Whereas, devout members of Trinity Lutheran Church, Robert and Louise Hooker have relished every moment they have spent nurturing their four children, William R. Hooker, Ted R. Hooker, Karen M. Christian, and Diana M. Jeffreys; and spoiling their eleven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Robert and Louise Hooker often reflect upon the joys and rewards they have experienced during their fifty years of marriage and look forward to beginning their sixth decade of wedded success and happiness:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most sincere and heartfelt congratulations to Robert and Louise Hooker upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them only the very best as they continue to walk hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hooker, as a measure of our esteem for them.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of

Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4924 , adopted January 5, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker